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Dr. Joshua Lederberg President The Rockefeller University New York City, NY 10021

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We were very pleased to receive your letter and the additional information on David Mahlon Bonner. Your correspondence with Dr. David Bonner has been filed with his other correspondence and noted in the inventory. Dr. Cooley then turned your letter over to me for reply as I processed the papers recently and was most familiar with them.

The entire collection has been organized chronologically by family member and a detailed inventory has been completed. The register, presently in rough draft form, includes the inventory, a description of the content and scope of the collection, a biographical sketch of Walter Daniel Bonner, Sr., and brief chronological notes on each family member. The biographical information was gleaned from the letters and a few sketches in various biographical reference works. Any further information you might have on David or other family members would be appreciated.

After checking the files and inventory, it appears there is no material by or about E. L. Tatum, F. J. Ryan, or J. Lederberg in the files. David's letters, dated from 1928 to 1955, are to family members and only infrequently do any of the Bonners go into detail about their scientific work. However, David does comment on the work in which he is engaged and his progress. It is possible David may have mentioned these colleagues in letters to his family, but, if so, it would be only a brief note.

Thank you for your interest in the collection. Should we be about to assist you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Marlene Lewis

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Enclosed is one further both of correspondence for your authors.

theory of protein structure. Original manuscripts, models, publications, notebooks and scrapbooks, personal and professional correspondence. Correspondents include David Harker, Linus Pauling, Irving Langmuir, Harry Sobotka, Arthur Stoll, Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkins, and D'Arcy Thompson. 1919–1975, 30 boxes.

Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Missouri (contact Benedict K. Zobrist):

□ Documents photocopied from the papers of Lawrence R. Hafstad (b. 1904), including files relating to the Air Force Proximity Fuse Program, the Atomic Energy Commission, guided missiles, a history of the Sandia Corp., the U. S. Naval Ordinance Laboratory, and letters from Edward Teller concerning the atomic bomb. 1940–1963, 1 ft. The originals are in the Hafstad Papers in the custody of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota.

University of Utah Libraries, Salt Lake City (contact Everett Coolev):

☐ Correspondence, 1925–1955, between members of the Bonner Family, including the chemist, Walter Daniel Bonner (1878–1956) and his seven children, all of whom earned degrees in Science. The letters between parents and children, brothers and sister, reveal much information on their education and professions. Two of the children are physicist Lyman Gaylord Bonner and chemist Francis Truesdale Bonner.

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Center for History of Physics American Institute of Physics 335 East 45th Street New York, N.Y. 10017 University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville (contact Ann Southwell):

☐ Papers and correspondence of Frank Loucks Hereford (b. 1923), from the period of his professorship of physics at the University of Virginia. Among the subjects covered are the NSF and the construction of a new chemistry building and a nuclear physics lab. He became president there in 1975. 1960's, ca. 1000 items.

University of Washington Archives, Seattle (contact Richard C. Berner):

© Correspondence and subject files of Lauren Russell Donaldson (b. 1903), who was involved in the direction of radiation fallout tests in the Bikini Atoll and formation of the University of Washington Radiation Biology Laboratory. 1958-79, 3 ft.

University of Wisconsin Archives, Madison (contact Bernard Schermetzler):

☐ Subject files of Ragnar Rollefson (b. 1906) pertaining to the Midwest Universities Research Association (MURA) of which Rollefson was a founding member and member of the Board of Directors, as well as Director of the MURA Laboratory from 1957 to 1961. 1953–1961, 2.5 boxes.

☐ Subject files of **Keith Symon** (b. 1920), technical director of the MURA Laboratory, 1957–60. The files pertain primarily to MURA, Argonne National Laboratory, and CERN. 1953–1967, 5 boxes.



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